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Transit. Mayor touts support for route to UBC at public meeting

If you're reading this while crammed onto the 99 B-Line, the city probably doesn't have to convince you that Vancouver needs a $3-billion subway along Broadway to UBC.

But it will be tough for city hall to persuade both the province and residents along the proposed line that a subway is the best option to improve transit along North America's busiest bus route.

To keep transit in the spotlight before the provincial election, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Coun. Geoff Meggs pitched the subway to a feisty crowd of about 300 at a Vision Vancouver town-hall meeting in Kitsilano on Sunday.

There were mixed reactions to research suggesting a subway would be the best long-term option with the least impact on the neighbourhood.

Opponents questioned why the city doesn't expand bus service to UBC along other routes or choose the less expensive LRT. Canada Line construction had a disastrous impact on small businesses, they said, and a subway could entice developers to build condos in the predominately low-rise and single-family-home neighbourhood.

"What I see when I go to Cambie is big-box stores," 32-year area resident Valerie Clark said. "I don't want my neighbourhood ruined because some students out there for four years don't want to stand in line."

Yet it's not about the wait — the buses are so packed that students are often passed by, UBC student representative Tanner Bokor said. The students will consider helping with funding, Bokor added.

Robertson and Meggs were quick to say the line would also serve thousands of tech and health-care professionals.

City research found a "very significant majority support a big investment in a subway," Robertson said. In an unscientific poll on the mayor's Facebook page, 92 per cent of 1,166 responders backed the subway.

"Improving transit out to UBC is going to be disruptive no matter what we do," Robertson said. "We won't be able to make everybody happy in this."

Ultimately, the city has no decision-making power as the province holds the purse strings. Any Lower Mainland transit projects will require substantial federal funding.

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People board the B-Line bus outside the Commercial Drive SkyTrain station in November. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

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Chinese head tax

Group to premier: Apologize now

The grandson of a Chinese immigrant forced to pay a head tax says B.C.'s premier shouldn't let her political woes interfere with delivering a meaningful apology for the policy.

Victor Wong with the Chinese Canadian National Council is wondering about Christy Clark's suggestion that the timing may be affected by the ethnic vote scandal that has rocked her government.

Clark told CTV's Question Period she may need to wait some time before making the apology so she won't be accused of playing politics with the issue. A Liberal government document surfaced in late February suggesting the party would attempt to gain "quick wins" at the ballot box in May by issuing a formal apology. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports Illustrated

West Van model named swimsuit rookie of the year

Kate Bock
GETTY IMAGES

A West Vancouver model has proven the scenery isn't the only stunning part of beautiful British Columbia.

Kate Bock, 22, was named the Sports Illustrated swimsuit rookie of the year for her work in the much-celebrated annual issue that features Kate Upton in a Canada Goose parka.

"Gold, pure gold !!!!!! Happiest Rookie there ever was !!!" she posted on Twitter after the win.

Bock won the prize in an online contest with 41 per cent of the votes.

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An unfinished house on West 41st Avenue in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Home's in-limbo status 'irritates'

Property. Neighbours complain about house that has sat unfinished since construction started 12 years ago

REBEKAH FUNK
The Canadian Press
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Nearly every community has one — a house that's been in construction limbo for months, even years.

With boarded windows, creeping weeds, and stacks of lumber serving as rats' nests, such houses become eyesores for neighbours concerned about vandalism, safety and general cleanliness.

That's the case of a green house on 41st Avenue that has sat unfinished since construction began 12 years ago.

One neighbour, an elderly woman who asked not to be named, said she's called inspectors and written numerous letters to city officials in the past decade. "The city said there's nothing it could do," she said. "(The owner) is within his rights, but it irritates the whole neighbourhood."

The woman said the owner lives elsewhere and only occasionally drops by to check on his property.

"Now he doesn't even want to talk to us. He just tries to avoid us and the (other) neighbours," she said. "Just finish it and rent it if you don't want to live in it."

House alarms have gone off at 2 a.m., and litter and vandalism are an issue.

"Sometimes people drink and they pee in the lot and throw things," she said. "It's such a mess, and we're the ones who clean it up."

The City of Vancouver can't force builders to finish their projects, said Carli Edwards, assistant director of inspections.

"If it was completely boarded up, the yard was clean, and no one could get into the house, that would be as far as our bylaws allow us to go," Edwards said.

Construction stops for a variety of reasons — owners die, go out of town, run out of money, or simply get to a point where they think their house is livable despite its unfinished aspects, she said.

Inspectors can only intervene if the property poses a safety hazard or is a nuisance, she said. Bylaw-violation warnings or tickets are issued, and in cases of non-compliance the city will contract crews to do remedial or cleanup work and bill the homeowner.

In one extreme case, involving a house on Marshall Street near Trout Lake, Edwards said inspectors were called to the property frequently and requested a demolition order from council.

The house was demolished in late 2012, she said, and the lot now stands empty.

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Debris believed to be from Japan continues to wash ashore in places such as Long Beach in Tofino and all along the West Coast. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

EASING THE WEIGHT OF WHAT WAS LOST

Two years after the devastating earthquake and tsunami that killed thousands in Japan, two Canadian filmmakers are working to reunite items discovered by beachcombers in B.C. with their rightful owners

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Two years after the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, debris that continues to wash up on the West Coast transports beachcombers across the ocean and back in time.

The magnitude-9 earthquake and resulting tsunami on March 11, 2011, killed more than 15,840 people and swept about five million tonnes of debris into the ocean.

The loss and destruction are incomprehensible.

To this day, fragments of people's daily lives and remnants of the country's infrastructure land along the beaches of British Columbia.

Some is indistinguishable from other detritus floating in the ocean. Other items — such as the Harley-Davidson motorcycle found by Peter Mark last year on Haida Gwaii — are a vivid, direct reminder of what was lost that day two years ago.

Many items have already been identified, traced back and returned to their owners in Japan. Now, two filmmakers have joined an army of beachcombers who have made it their mission to recover debris, learn the story behind it and, if possible, bring it back home.

"We were reading stories (after the tsunami) how all of this stuff had to wash up somewhere but figured it would never make it all the way across the ocean," said Nicolina Lanni, co-director with John Choi on the work-in-progress documentary Lost & Found. "But they are. We're actually trying to trace these items back and connect the owners with the people who found them."

Lanni and Choi have already extensively covered the beachcombing community on the West Coast and have been part of tsunami debris salvages.

One of the most famous pieces of tsunami debris was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, photographed on Haida Gwaii by Peter Mark in April of last year. PETER MARK/KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The filmmaking duo are trying to raise $30,000 through Hot Docs' Doc Ignite funding platform to cover the costs of travelling to Japan to document the items' return home.

Stories of successful reunions have spurred Lanni on, but she doesn't expect all their endeavours to have happy endings.

She got a small sense of the panic the earthquake caused when it hit while she was on vacation in Hawaii.

"Our hotel was evacuated (due to the tsunami warning) and we had to go on top of this volcano," she said. "There were a lot of Japanese tourists trying to call home and finding out what was happening with their families."

Returning even seemingly unimportant items "carries so much weight," Lanni said.

By returning those possessions, the filmmakers hope to take some of that weight off tsunami survivors' shoulders.

Two years later. Debris from tsunami still drifting toward British Columbia

British Columbia can expect a second wave of tsunami debris to wash up on our shores this year.

Jonn Braman, regional director of tsunami debris for the province, said the first phase of rubble arrived in B.C. sooner than expected after 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

"These were items affected by high windage, like blocks of Styrofoam, empty plastic containers … items that sit high on the water," Braman said.

But not all the items are small. The most famous piece of wreckage was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle that washed ashore on Haida Gwaii last April. Not far away, Braman said a massive steel tank — one of the largest pieces identified yet — was secured on the coast on Jan. 1. The tank was traced back to a construction site that was wiped out by the tsunami.

The next wave of debris is now making its way toward the West Coast. It's made up of heavier objects that sit deeper in the water and are being carried by currents across the Pacific.

The provincial-federal Tsunami Debris Co-ordinating Committee has continued to revise its response plan with affected communities. Though the plan details how to deal with bodies and radioactive debris, Braman says none of the items that have washed up have been out of the ordinary.

In fact, it's difficult to tell tsunami fragments from other marine detritus. Despite more than 1,000 reported sightings, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has recorded just 21 confirmed tsunami items, which have identifiers such as serial numbers that can be traced to a tsunami impact zone.

The NOAA, the lead organization that tracks tsunami debris in North America, estimates that about five million tonnes of wreckage were swept into the ocean by the disaster. However, 70 per cent sank offshore, so about 1.5 million tonnes remain floating, scattered around an area three times the size of the continental U.S.

There are no forecasts of how much has already — and will continue to — hit the West Coast. We may never know.

"It's going to take a little while," Braman said. "It will merge with other marine debris and will become less and less distinct over time."

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Report sightings here

- There are five regular shoreline monitoring sites in B.C. Data collected from the sites are reported through tsunamidebrisbc.ca. Debris sightings can be reported to disasterdebris@noaa.gov.

Japan Love. Vancouver Island ceremony will mark tsunami anniversary

Parks Canada and the student Japan Love Project will be commemorating the second anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami with a weekend of events on Vancouver Island.

On Saturday, 30 international students from Japan will visit Pacific Rim National Park Reserve near Tofino. There, they will help pick up ocean debris on Long Beach and sort through objects collected by the park since the disaster.

This past Sunday, the students took part in a remembrance ceremony in Ucluelet.

The Japan Love Project, made up of Japanese students mostly at UBC, SFU and Capilano University, formed after the earthquake to organize relief efforts.

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Families in Natori, Japan, fly a paper lantern last March in memory of tsunami victims. DANIEL BEREHULAK/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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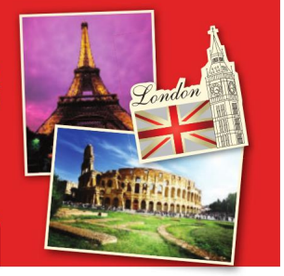

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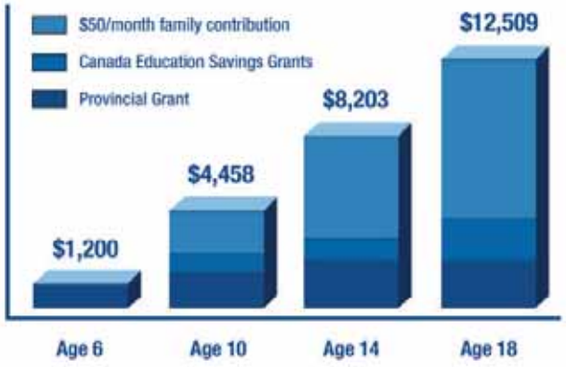

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Turning waste into public art

The building blocks of our city. Project aims to use discarded expanded polystyrene to get Vancouverites involved in urban planning

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The Canadian Press exclusively for Metro

An outdoor space in downtown Vancouver is about to get a temporary facelift, thanks to a public art project that will use leftover construction materials from the Port Mann Bridge.

Hundreds of interlocking blocks will make up the structure, which will remain in place for a few hours at a yet-to-be-determined site before the material is dismantled and repurposed.

Called Upcycled Urbanism, the project was pioneered by the Museum of Vancouver, which will bring together designers, architects, students and urban-space activists.

Museum spokesman Charles Montgomery said the key to the endeavour is input from Vancouver's "average Joes" — people of all ages who have no design experience but want a say in the planning of community spaces.

To engage locals, Upcycled Urbanism has launched a series of Sunday afternoon workshops in March. Montgomery said space is capped at 50 people and is included in the museum's $12 admission.

The goal is to host a day in July to design and build public art from discarded expanded polystyrene blocks used to build the bridge that connects Coquitlam and Surrey.

While Montgomery wouldn't reveal the potential location of the art project, he hinted it will be a high-profile area in the downtown core.

The project was launched with a grant from the Vancouver Foundation, and most of the planners are volunteering time and materials in order to operate with the "shoestring" budget of $7,000 to $8,000.

Montgomery said the current urban-design process puts planning in the hands of a few, instead of the community.

"We have a hunch that by inviting more people into the process of thinking, playing and building around design, we might find innovative solutions that experts in their far-away design chambers have yet to discover."

Woman stabbed in 'random' attack

A VPD cruiser sits outside a 7-Eleven on Denman Street where a 30-year-old woman was stabbed early Sunday morning in what police are calling a random attack. The woman suffered multiple stab wounds and was rushed to hospital with serious injuries. She remains there in stable condition. The suspect, a 39-year-old Vancouver man, was wrestled to the ground by witnesses and held until police arrived.

LIAM BRITTEN/FOR METRO

Law society decision

Potential lawyer rejected for cheating on exam, plagiarism

A recent law school grad has been rejected as a potential lawyer because he was caught cheating on a math exam and was sanctioned for plagiarism at the University of B.C.

The law society hearing panel initially decided in 2010 to allow the applicant into the articling program for new lawyers, finding the young man, who wasn't named but identified only as Applicant 5, was now of good character and repute.

But another panel of benchers of the law society recently reviewed the initial decision and found the first panel erred in its findings.

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10 p.m. limit?

Park board may cap special meeting length

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Cardinal Ouellet earns blessing for pope — but not because they like him

Sexual abuse. Group feels best way to get local scandal noticed is to net Quebecois pope

A Quebec group representing people abused by priests hopes Cardinal Marc Ouellet will be the next pope, though not necessarily because it feels he's the best candidate.

Spokesman Carlo Tarini says an Ouellet papacy would thrust a number of sexual-abuse cases involving Quebec priests into the spotlight.

"The people here today are not here in jest supporting his nomination as pope," Tarini said at a small rally on Sunday on the steps of a Montreal church.

"They are really hopeful that he is elected, because 1.2 billion Catholics will be made aware of the victimization of children here in Quebec by pedophile priests."

Many at the rally, which included members of other victims groups, said they are hopeful for progress on cases that have been stalled for years.

Tarini suggested appointing a mediator between the church and victims, such as former Supreme Court justice Michel Bastarache, who took on a similar role in New Brunswick.

The Quebec-born Ouellet is considered one of the contenders to succeed Pope Benedict.

He has come under fire from critics who say he didn't do enough to address sexual abuse in his home province.

Lucien Landry, head of an organization for abused Quebec orphans, said Ouellet didn't make an effort to work with victims while he was archbishop of Quebec City.

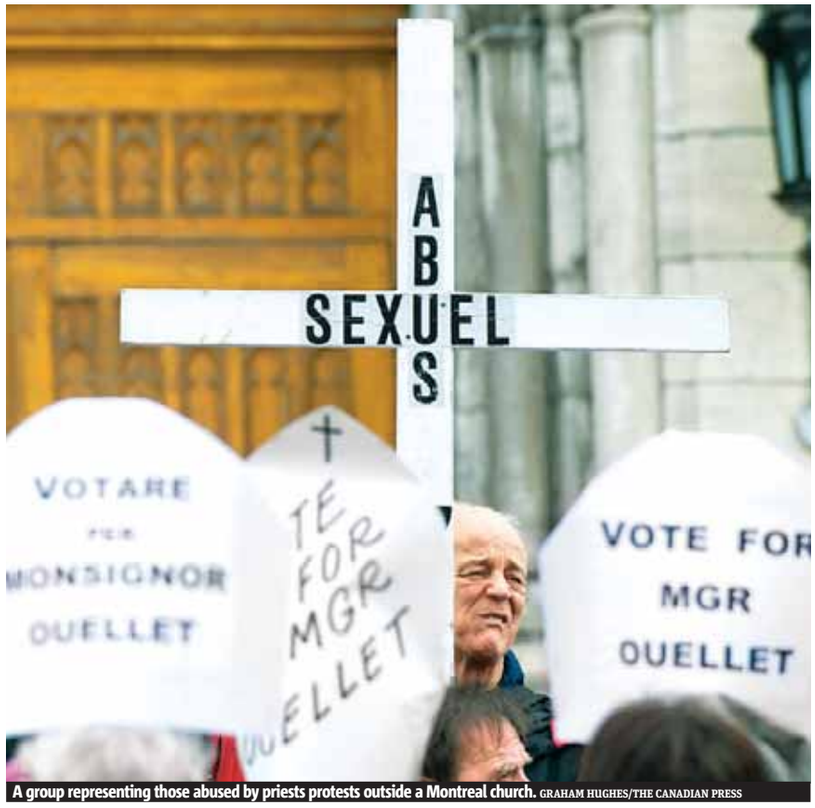
Landry attended the rally but stressed that he doesn't believe things would be any different if Ouellet became pope.

"In our heart of hearts, we don't think he would fix the situation," he said.

Luc-Robert Archambault, representing a group of victims from Montreal's College Notre-Dame, a boys-only boarding school, was also skeptical.

In an interview with the CBC last week, Ouellet defended the church's handing of its sexual-abuse scandals and said it had to bear intense public scrutiny.

"But it is not a Catholic problem; it is a human problem," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A group representing those abused by priests protests outside a Montreal church. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Personal life

Family fears papal win

The papal front-runner is also known for fancying moose-steak dinners, eating dessert off a sibling's plate and gunning his uncle's tractor until it broke — though he is also remembered for nearly burning down the family barn.

If he becomes pope, however, Cardinal Marc Ouellet's family fears such intimate moments will be lost forever.

"We're quite frank about it as a family — we would prefer to have a brother," his younger brother, Roch, said in an interview in their hometown of La Motte, Que.

Marc sent a message home to his family last month, instructing them to think of their 90-year-old mother's well-being before anything else during what he predicted would be an inevitable media storm.

Pardon backlog to last for years

Jon Graham, 40, who was fined $100 for possession of marijuana and mischief when he was 21, says he's been waiting more than two years for his pardon, which he sought mainly to travel to the U.S. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Parole Board of Canada has begun to tackle a backlog of almost 22,000 pardon applications, many of which have been stuck in limbo for years.

The effort, which began with the hiring and training of 21 temporary full-time clerical staff and pardons officers, isn't expected to clear the backlog for another two years.

All the files predate the March 2012 omnibus Conservative crime bill, when the Harper government quadrupled the application fee to $631. Those who applied under the higher fee are at the front of the line.

Public outcry over a controversial pardon led Parliament in June 2010 to beef up the system by making the Parole Board grant no pardon that could bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

A three-strikes rule was proposed, so that anyone with more than three convictions for indictable offences with two-year sentences could never be pardoned. Certain offences, such as sex crimes against children, were made ineligible.

The crime-free cooling-off period after a sentence was fully served was increased to five years from three for lesser offences, and doubled to 10 years from five for indictable offences.

The application fee, long set at $50, was jacked to $150 and then to $631. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Origin

The backlog is the result of a massive pardons crackdown sparked by a single case.

- In May 2010, it was revealed that Graham James, a former junior-hockey coach convicted of sexually assaulting players, had been quietly pardoned three years earlier.
- He was facing fresh allegations at the time, to which he has since pleaded guilty.

Yellowknife. Harper to be at talks on new powers for the Northwest Territories

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will travel to Yellowknife Monday to mark the end of talks granting province-like powers to the Northwest Territories.

The deal, which has been a top agenda item for territorial premiers stretching back two decades, will put control over northern resources in the hands of northerners for the first time. It will also give them a big chunk of the royalties those resources produce, money that will also be shared with the N.W.T.'s aboriginal governments.

But Harper and N.W.T. Premier Bob McLeod won't be signing its final version. Monday's text is only the final draft reached by negotiators.

The deal will then go out for public consultation.

Under the agreement in principle, the N.W.T. would keep half its resource royalties without losing federal transfers, up to a total of five per cent of its total budget expenditures.

The territory is expected to reap about $65 million a year from those royalties.

The deal also transfers control over those royalties to Yellowknife. The feds will send another $65 million to the territory to compensate it for the cost of those responsibilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper's office confirmed he will be at the event at the territorial legislature. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Deaths of foreign hostages in Nigeria confirmed

Radical Islamists.
Militant group says seven victims were killed because of suspected rescue efforts

A man reads a newspaper in Kano, Nigeria, on Sunday. The Islamist group Ansaru used the presence of U.K. warplanes in the country's capital, which the U.K. claims were ferrying troops in support of the Mali intervention, as a partial excuse for allegedly killing seven foreign hostages. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Radical Islamic fighters killed seven foreign hostages in Nigeria, European diplomats said Sunday, making it the worst such kidnapping violence in decades for a country beset by extremist guerrilla attacks.

Nigeria's police, military, domestic spy service and presidency remained silent over the killings of the construction company workers, kidnapped Feb. 16 from northern Bauchi state. The government's silence only led to more questions about the nation's continued inability to halt attacks that have seen hundreds killed in shootings, church bombings and an attack on the United Nations.

The latest victims were four Lebanese and one citizen apiece from Britain, Greece and Italy.

Britain and Italy said all seven of those taken from the Setraco construction company compound had died at the hands of Ansaru, a previously little-known splinter group of the Islamic sect Boko Haram. Greece also confirmed one of its citizens was killed, while Lebanese authorities didn't immediately comment.

Italy also denied a claim by Ansaru that the hostages were killed before or during a military operation by Nigerian and British forces, saying there was "no military intervention aimed at freeing the hostages."

"We note that the terrorists never communicated or formulated demands to release the hostages," said Greece's foreign ministry, which also denied any military raid took place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India

Gang-rape suspect commits suicide: Police

The main suspect in the gang rape and fatal beating of a 23-year-old woman on a New Delhi bus, an attack that horrified Indians and set off national protests, committed suicide in jail Monday, police officials said.

Ram Singh hanged himself with his own clothes, said G. Sudhakar, the top police official at Tihar jail.

Singh, along with four other men on trial with him on rape, murder and abduction charges, had been under a suicide watch, another jail official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

Singh's lawyer, A. P. Singh, confirmed his client's death, but alleged it was the result of police maleficence.

"What do you mean killed himself? He has been killed in prison," Singh said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Need a fixer-upper? Homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy are hitting the market, some at big discounts

This Oct. 30, 2012, photo provided by the U.S. Air Force shows an aerial view of the devastation along the New Jersey shoreline following Superstorm Sandy. Increasingly, homes damaged by Sandy are being put up for sale.
MASTER SGT. MARK C. OLSEN/U.S. AIR FORCE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

It sounds like the premise for a new reality TV series: Hurricane House, in which people would scour waterside communities in New Jersey and New York looking to buy homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy at a deep discount.

While there are bargains out there, ranging from 10 per cent off pre-storm prices for upscale homes on New York's Long Island and the Jersey Shore to as much as 60 per cent off modest bungalows in Staten Island and Queens, it's still very much a game of buyer beware.

Not only are buyers on the hook for repairs and in some cases total rebuilds, they're also wading into a host of potentially expensive uncertainties about new flood maps and future insurance rates, zoning changes and updated building codes.

"It's totally changed the way I sell real estate," said Lawrence Greenberg, a sales associate with Van Skiver Realtors, whose own Mantoloking, N.J., office was wrecked in the storm.

Prior to Sandy, prospective buyers rarely mentioned issues such as flood maps and building elevations until the matter of flood insurance came up — often at closing. "Now, everybody asks the question of elevation," Greenberg said. Even if potential buyers plan to tear down and build new, they ask about the pending changes in flood maps proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, because flood insurance rates will depend upon the new zones.

The number of for-sale listings in January in the 380 zip codes hit by the storm was about two per cent below the same time last year, according to online real estate information company Zillow Inc. That indicates that most homeowners are rebuilding, or have not yet decided how to proceed.

But real estate agents in New York and New Jersey say the majority of homes for sale in these areas have some damage from the Oct. 29 storm, and it appears to them that a rising number are being put on the market as the spring home-buying season approaches.

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This is all about Premier Christy Clark's smile — her fabulous smile.

Think about the effect of that smile during the Liberal leadership race. There was "Christy" in a competition with the blandly unemotional George Abbott and the ferrety, often dangerous-looking Kevin Falcon — and the boys never had a chance.

Everywhere she went, Clark was beaming. And the effect was intoxicating, especially if you weren't paying attention to what she was saying. She looked like she was having so much fun; you just wanted to be near her.

News photographers love that kind of a smile. Photo editors do, too. So the papers kept running gorgeous big pictures of Beaming Christy, happily campaigning against Dull George and Desperate Kevin.

I'm not saying that she won the leadership purely on image. She also had great financial backing and the best organization. But after years of the cool and distant Gordon Campbell, Liberals were looking to present a new face — and Christy was so darn presentable.

Then she won. Then she assumed the burden of a hostile caucus and an unpopular political party — and the smile started to tighten ever so slightly. The photographers, having grown bored of Beaming Christy, started looking for something new, maybe Brooding Christy — an image that was increasingly easy to find.

The pressure mounted, the polls stagnated, the scandals accumulated — and the photographers discovered Snarling Christy — a thin-lipped just-watch-me premier who looks scarier than Kevin on his most belligerent day. The photo editors were also looking for something new — illustrations for the darker stories that were crossing their desks — so those were the photos they chose.

This "image" consciousness in politics is neither new nor gender specific. Older political junkies might remember a sweaty, stubbly Richard Nixon losing to the smooth skin and square jaw of John F. Kennedy. Historians will recall the lengths to which Franklin D. Roosevelt went to avoid being photographed in his wheelchair. Image has always counted.

Even today, in the federal Liberal leadership race, Justin Trudeau's hair has probably attracted more ink than his policies. It runs in the family: Pierre Trudeau is the first politician I can recall whose (longish) hair style became the subject of news stories.

What happened to the super-sized smile?

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We know how that ended: Ultimately the photographers stopped shooting Dashing Pierre, and left us only with the image of Trudeau's middle finger raised in defiance against protesting constituents.

Premier Clark seems to be stuck on the same train. She has become Defensive Christy, looking into every camera as if it's a threat.

Which it is, because if she doesn't find something to smile about — a big, sincere, Christy-sized smile — well, any photo editor will tell you: She's finished.

ZOOM

Outlook bleak two years later

Post-tsunami Japan anything but clean

Two years after the triple calamities of earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster ravaged Japan's northeastern Pacific coast, debris containing asbestos, lead, PCBs — and perhaps most worrying — radioactive waste due to the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant looms as a threat for the region.

So far, disposal of debris from the disasters is turning out to have been anything but clean. Workers often lacking oversight, training or proper equipment have dumped contaminated waste with scant regard for regulations or safety, as organized crime has infiltrated the cleanup process.

Researchers are only beginning to analyze environmental samples for potential health implications from the various toxins swirled in the petri dish of the disaster zone — including dioxins, benzene, cadmium and organic-waste-related toxins, said Shoji F. Nakayama of the government-affiliated National Institute for Environmental Studies.

Gangsters have long been involved in industrial waste handling and police say they suspect gangsters are systematically targeting reconstruction projects, swindling money from low-interest lending schemes for disaster-hit residents and illegally mobilizing construction and clean-up workers.

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Fukushima

"Everyone, from bureaucrats to construction giants to tattooed gangsters, is trying to prey on de-contamination projects. And the government is looking the other way."

Nakamura, who only wanted to be identified by his last name out of fear of retaliation, said of the corruption that has plagued the restoration process.

Clickbait

Rumours are spreading like mustard on social media sites about 'secret menus' at your favourite fast food chains. Here's what you won't see featured. But shhh!

Mc10:35

Although the company insists otherwise, McDonald's does have many items on the underground menu, according to social media sites. One is the Mc10:35 — which is the inside of a McDouble burger, minus the bun, inserted into an Egg McMuffin. It can only be ordered at 10:35 a.m., during the shift change from breakfast to lunch.

McGangbang

A bold order to ask from anyone — especially your McDonald's cashier — the McGangbang is a double cheeseburger with a chicken patty in between two beef patties.

Suicide Burger

Worried it might be your last meal? Take a bite into Burger King's suicide burger, comprised of four beef patties, four slices of cheese, bacon and BK's special sauce.

Enchirito

This might be the worst kept secret: Taco Bell has loads of items on the secret menu. One popular choice is the enchirito. It's the regular enchilada, stuffed with beef, beans, cheese, diced onions and red sauce.

Letters

Re: The Other F Word, published March 8.

In the small article by Delia MacPherson, your author undermined herself, women and men by perpetuating a stereotype that is highly untrue.

In it she says "... men and women are equal in every right with the exception of maybe physical strength."

Women are equal in this respect because training equals far more strength than what you naturally have.

Additionally, there are men who are not naturally strong or muscular who are discounted by such a statement.

Women who have naturally muscular body types and are built like line backers are made to feel fat, weak and like they should not do sports while men with lean body types are made to feel less masculine and therefore wrong and bad.

Heather Wilson, Toronto

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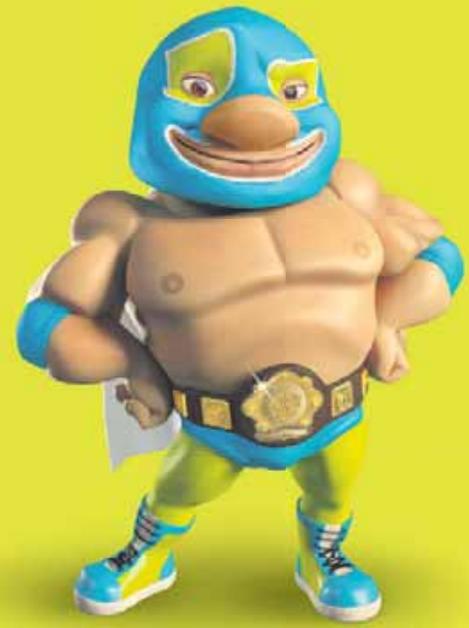

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Tonight's episode of Dallas has the characters attending a wake and funeral for J.R. Ewing. Actor Larry Hagman, who played J.R., died of cancer in November. HANDOUT

Dallas bids farewell to its magnificent villain

Celebrating Hagman. Tonight's episode of TNT's revival of Dallas is a fitting tribute to the man behind one of TV's worst scoundrels

Who killed J.R.?

That's the mystery propelling Dallas through the rest of its second season as a TNT revival.

And that question hangs heavy in the upcoming episode (airing Monday at 9 p.m. EDT), which confirms the sad truth every viewer knew was coming: glorious scoundrel J.R. Ewing has died, after decades of living-on-the-edge infamy dating back at least to 1980, when he was gunned down in his office and left for dead, leaving every viewer wondering who shot J.R.

J.R.'s fate was sealed this time by the intrusion of reality. In November, Larry Hagman died of cancer at 81. And when he died, he took J.R. with him.

So the new episode — surely the first without Hagman's deliciously vile presence — stands as a fitting tribute both to him and to J.R., complete with a wake and a funeral for the rascally oil baron. Even the oh-so-familiar theme music is rearranged from its quickstep tempo to a dirge. The message of this episode, titled J.R.'s Masterpiece, is J.R. is gone but not forgotten.

Last Monday's episode featured the last, brief appearances by a visibly frail Hagman. There were three isolated scenes with J.R., who for reasons unknown had gone missing from Dallas. But the action mostly swirled among the other characters as they squabbled over Ewing Energies, which has pitted cousins John Ross (played by Josh Henderson) and Christopher (Jesse Metcalfe) in a battle for its control.

In his final scene, near the end of the hour, J.R. was glimpsed at an undisclosed location on the phone with John Ross.

"Don't you worry, son, I've got a plan," J.R. told him. "It's gonna be my masterpiece. Because you shouldn't have to pay for my sins."

"What do you mean?" asked John Ross, struck by J.R.'s rare show of tenderness.

"Just remember, I'm proud of you," said J.R., as John Ross' eyes moistened. "You're my son, from tip to tail."

But at that moment, John Ross heard gunshots. He screamed into the phone, "Dad! Dad!"

Who shot J.R.?

"I need to know who killed my father, and why!" snaps John Ross in the new episode.

Sue Ellen, his mother and J.R.'s long-suffering ex-wife (played by Linda Gray), hoists a Dallas directory and reminds him, "Half the people in this phone book wanted to."

Yes, J.R. had legions of enemies with scores to settle. But who among them did the deed? And why did J.R.'s time run out, in all places, in a room at a Mexican flophouse?

The task for Dallas to outlive J.R. Ewing is huge. Rest in peace, Larry Hagman. But there better be no peace on this show in J.R.'s absence if it hopes to survive its magnificent villain.

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Remembering J.R.

J.R.'s memorial takes place at the Dallas Petroleum Club, where high-powered mourners flock to bid him farewell. Here are real-life local swells, including Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. Here are Dallas characters from way back, including former wild child Lucy (Charlene Tilton), J.R.'s niece; Ray Krebbs (Steve Kanaly), the illegitimate son of J.R.'s father; and Gary (Ted Shackelford), the "black sheep" brother who left Dallas for a long life on series spinoff Knots Landing. But the embittered John Ross isn't buying that any of the gathered have a kind thought for his father: "Half these people are here to make sure he's dead. The other half are here for the free drinks."

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Miley Cyrus denies her wedding is cancelled

While her fiancée, Liam Hemsworth, is in his native Australia spending time with family, Miley Cyrus finds herself doing damage control, taking to Twitter to quash rumours that their relationship is in trouble.

"I am so sick of L.A. And sick of the lies that come with it," she posted last week. "I didn't call off my wedding."

Of course, being spotted out and about in Hollywood without her engagement ring on probably doesn't help. But a source assures E! News that all is well in the Hemsworth-Cyrus household.

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan rejects latest plea deal

Prosecutors in Lindsay Lohan's latest legal battle have reportedly offered the troubled starlet a plea deal that would let her avoid jail time — but she doesn't want it, according to TMZ.

Sources tell the website that if Lohan agrees to plead guilty to as-yet-unspecified charges, she'd only have to serve 90 days under house arrest and attend a mandatory rehab program. But Lohan is reportedly adamant that she will avoid any punishment whatsoever and has rejected the plea deal, the sources say.

Her trial is set to begin March 18.

The Word

Megan Hilty putting on a plain, public personality

THE WORD
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Ivy Lynn, the emotional and outspoken would-be starlet on NBC's Smash, would never waste a moment in the spotlight.

But when we caught up with Megan Hilty, the actress who plays the dynamic character last Friday directly following her Carnegie Hall debut singing along with the New York Pops, we learned that her public persona is practically too perfectly polished, as if erring on the side of forgettable. After all, she kicked off the show by claiming that it was "literally a dream come true," and the clichés didn't end there.

What did it feel like to take that illustrious stage?

"It's great to be in front of a live audience again."

Was she nervous about performing as herself, rather than playing a character?

"That's the beauty of live theatre, I'm never going to be perfect."

Would she be willing to get competitive if she had to face off against Smash co-star Katharine McPhee for a role, mirroring the ongoing theme on the show?

"No, we all love each other."

And how would Ivy handle getting a solo concert at Carnegie?

"She probably would have had many more costume changes than I did."

Wait, did she just confirm our thoughts that her fictional persona would make a more memorable impression? The most interesting "confession" came when the actress slyly revealed that she does in fact sit down to watch her own show air on Tuesday nights during a dialogue with Pops conductor Steven Reineke mid-show. Thankfully, we did witness a glimmer of that big Ivy personality when the blonde was visibly relieved to confirm that the bottle of champagne sitting nearby at the after-party was reserved for her. We can relate to any woman who puts her stiletto down when it comes to the serious issues, like getting her hands on a well-deserved glass of bubbly.

But here's our advice for Hilty: take a page from the Silver Linings Playbook of present media darling and recent Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence; the way to charm the pants off press and public alike these days is apparently less class, more sass.

Maybe we should have just hung around until after Hilty polished off that champagne.

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We don't usually associate cavities or gum disease with infants, but in reality, oral diseases can begin early.

For example, early childhood caries is a form of severe tooth decay in the baby teeth of children from birth to age three.

It affects more than 10 per cent of preschool-aged children in Canada.

Parents can reduce the risk by following these simple care tips with your little one.

- Wipe baby's mouth and gums with a clean, wet cloth or piece of gauze after feeding.
- Gently clean newly erupted teeth with a small, soft toothbrush.
- Avoid fruit punches and other sweetened drinks in baby bottles, especially before bed.
- Rinse baby's mouth with water immediately after any liquid medication is given.
- Avoid transfer of your saliva onto items used by baby, including bottles, cups, pacifiers.
- Begin regular dental visits by age one. NEWS CANADA

Baby teeth are important to healthy adult teeth. ISTOCK

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Apparently getting a Soho House membership is child's play versus snagging you a spot in the toddler room at Alphabet Academy. Follow along with the comedic (mis)adventures of mommyhood with Reasons Mommy Drinks online at metronews.ca/voices

One, two, three ... break!

Spring break. It's not a reason to let the kids run wild, so stay calm and formulate a plan

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth,
kathybuckworth.com

Talk to other parents to see if they'd be willing to combine some of the activities you have planned. ISTOCK

Just because the kids are on a so-called "break" doesn't mean you get to take a break from being a parent — I've tried. Personally, I like calling it March break instead of spring break. That's mostly because it's more descriptive in terms of the timing of it, but also because it serves as a reminder that we can, as parents, at any point during this "week off," demand that our kids "march." To their room to clean it up, to the dinner table without complaining, to the shower when they start to smell and to the front door to get outside and start shovelling away that "spring" snow.

March break doesn't mean breaking the rules or the routines — in terms of bedtimes, meals and, let's face it, personal hygiene — but it can be a great time to break out some new activities that don't normally fit into your schedule.

If you have more than one child to organize during the week, have a discussion with all of them to find out what they'd like to do, beyond just "not go to school." But do your own research first. Look up a few free activities (start with community events) so you'll have some easy and cheap suggestions to make to them.

Check out what (appropriate) movies will be playing, find out the hours and rates of pay-for activities at the bowling alley or roller rink near you and look into whether your local public swimming pool has special events or hours in place during the break.

Talk to other parents to see if they want to either join you and your kids for some of your activities, and also if they'd be interested in trading off some time so that you can both get done what needs to get done during the week. Laundry and grocery shopping don't go on holidays!

Resist the temptation to let the kids stay up late as a treat, as it can be tough to get them back into regular bedtimes on the Sunday night before school starts up again, let alone having to deal with an overtired and under-eager student the next morning. You'll be ready for a break from the break by then yourself. KATHY BUCKWORTH IS AN AWARD WINNING WRITER. VISIT KATHYBUCKWORTH.COM OR FOLLOW KATHY ON TWITTER @KATHYBUCKWORTH.

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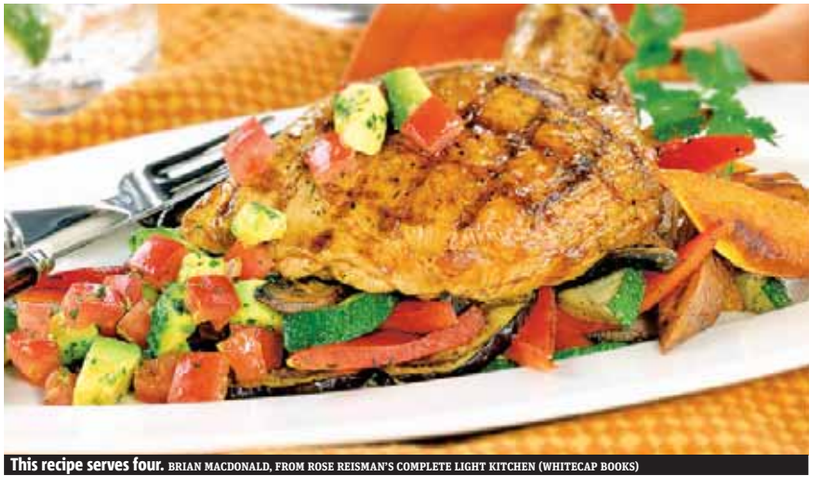
Chicken's dressed to impress in this avocado salsa dish



This recipe serves four. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

ROSE REISMAN
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This is a beautiful looking (and tasting) chicken dish to wow your guests. The salsa has a fresh taste, and the contrasting colours are beautiful. For a more formal dinner, make this with chicken supreme — the breast with wing attached.

A student chef gave me a great tip to prevent avocados from going brown. Before cutting the avocado and without piercing it, heat it on high in a microwave for 30 seconds. It truly works!

Serve the chicken alongside grilled vegetables.

Ingredients

- 4 skinless boneless chicken breasts (about 1 lb)
- 3 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped plum tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced avocado
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lime or lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp liquid honey
- 1/2 tsp hot sauce

1. One at a time, place chicken breasts between sheets of waxed paper and pound to an even 1/2-inch thickness. Dust with cornstarch.

2. Spray skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium high heat. Cook chicken, turning once, 8 minutes, or until no longer pink at centre. Place on a serving dish.

3. To make the salsa, combine the tomatoes, avocado, cilantro, olive oil, juice, garlic, honey and hot sauce.

4. Spoon the salsa over the chicken before serving. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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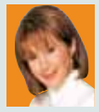

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The turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and apple cranberry dessert is a better choice with fewer calories and half the fat.

Your career search starts with a click

Hunting with a net. The job search has moved from the want ads to the World Wide Web. How do you plan to get with the program?

KELLY PUTTER
CareerBear.com

Searching for work online is much easier than back in the wearing-out-your-shoe-leather days, but that doesn't mean there aren't protocols to follow. In fact, engaging in a virtual job search presents a whole new set of rules.

Here, according to Dr. James Norrie, a social media guru in Toronto, are some dos and don'ts for online job hunters:

A quick button to blur your online past does not exist. Take your time to tidy things up. ISTOCK

Move past the moping

"Searching for a job online is like looking for a boyfriend or girlfriend ... you have to let everybody know that you're available. You're going to have lots of no's but to get a yes, you need to go through that."
Dr. James Norrie
Social media guru

Don't dismiss social media as a frivolous fad for teens

Larger Canadian employers often banned access to social media websites, especially early on because they didn't recognize their business value. "Employers thought it was some kind of fad or trivial toy,' says Norrie.

"It's here to stay and people are starting to grasp this."

Don't overlook the power of social media

What gives social media its clout is what Norrie calls the network of networks or the ability users have to access and interconnect with the networks of other people, resulting in a far-reaching web of associations.

Don't be afraid to tell your network that you're job searching

Fewer and fewer jobs are advertised so you need to learn how to find and work the hidden job market. And, according to Norrie, LinkedIn is the number one hidden job network.

Use the power of your network and let people know you're actively looking for work. Share your credentials, talents and experience. Ask your connections to open up their networks to you. Research shows that job opportunities are often twice removed — somebody who knows somebody you know leads to the job.

Do manage your online reputation

Google yourself and see what pops up. And don't be relieved if it's nothing. Norrie says it's not that difficult to become irrelevant in the digital world.

The question you need to ask is how can I make sure what's there is what I want to be there? Companies such as Reputation.com can manage your online reputation.

"You have to be aware that social media is becoming a go-to destination for consultants and HR people. The world of social media is not going away and we're all going to need to master what that means."

Online oopsies

Don't get caught with your pants down

- If you're cavorting on social media websites, know that privacy is a myth.
- You need to be careful about claiming your love for fascist groups or displaying photos of a half-baked you.
- Don't overexpose personal traits on any social media site that you're not comfortable discussing at work.

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Wild move into first-place tie with win over Canucks

NHL. Vancouver struggling as of late with a record of 1-3-2 in its last six games

On Sunday

Wild	Canucks
4	2

Zach Parise cautioned against reading too much into the Minnesota Wild's 4-2 win over the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday night.

The Wild moved into a first-place tie with their Northwest Division rivals, recorded their fifth straight game with a point, and led for all but 24 seconds. But Parise didn't bite when asked if it was a statement game.

"It's hard to look at the standings all the time with just the way it goes, you go overnight from fourth to 12th," Parise said after scoring two goals and adding an assist for his 25th NHL three-point game.

After 24 games marked by inconsistency and slow starts, the Wild still have a lot to prove before they are viewed as a serious playoff contender.

"We're only halfway through, but I think it shows the way we've been playing a lot better lately and with a little more consistency," Parise said. "Season doesn't end today, playoffs don't start tomorrow, but just for us to get up top ... now we've got to respond and try to stay up there."

Niklas Backstrom had 25 saves, and Jason Zucker and Jared Spurgeon also scored for the Wild, who won their fourth straight home game and beat the Canucks for the first time this season.

"Our guys were ready for this one, for sure," Wild coach Mike Yeo said. "We feel like we're a team that's on the up and going in the right direction, and we were looking forward to this chance."

Cory Schneider made 28 saves and Henrik Sedin and Chris Higgins scored for the Canucks, who fell to 1-3-2 in their past six games.

"It's tough right now, we're being tested and that's why we need each and every guy in here to pull along," Daniel Sedin said.

Vancouver came up empty in four power plays and hasn't scored a goal in its last 20 advantages. Daniel Sedin said it falls on him and his brother to get the power play back on track.

"We're leaders on this team, and this is the game I think we could've gotten ourselves back into it if our power play's getting off," he said. "We're two guys, we can make that happen."

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Zach Parise of the Minnesota Wild shoots the puck past Vancouver Canucks goaltender Cory Schneider for a goal on Sunday in St Paul, Minn.
HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY IMAGES

Whitecaps 'more mature' in early going

Kenny Miller, left, celebrates his goal with Nigel Reo-Coker against the Columbus Crew on Saturday at BC Place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Vancouver Whitecaps of 2013 are off to the same 2-0 start as last year's club, which faltered down the stretch amid numerous mid-season roster changes.

But the optimism around the club is high after Saturday's 2-1 win over the Columbus Crew, particularly after recent off-season changes — most notably the addition of English Premier League veteran Nigel Reo-Coker.

But aside from personnel, is there reason to believe the 2013 Whitecaps can escape the same fate that ultimately turned their fortunes last year?

"Mentally, I think this team's a bit stronger. I think we'll be a bit more mature than last year with the additions that we have," said goalkeeper Joe Cannon, who made his second consecutive start.

The Whitecaps had chance after chance in the first half to build a big lead, but they only led by a goal.

Columbus tied the game less than a minute into the second half.

The Whitecaps of last season, especially later in the year as the playoffs drew closer, probably would've come away with a loss.

On Saturday, it was the veterans that got the job done.

Kenny Miller got the winning goal thanks to tireless work to steal a ball off a Columbus defender and was a force throughout the game.

"That's a great sign in a football club," said Reo-Coker.

"That's great mental strength and mental toughness and that's what you're going to need the whole season."

CAM TUCKER/METRO

4 SPORTS

WHL

Giants get jump on Cougars

The Vancouver Giants scored a 5-3 home win against the Prince George Cougars on Sunday afternoon to win the season series, coincidentally, 5-3.

The Giants' leading goal-scorer, Cain Franson, got a goal and three assists. He has 29 markers this season and is looking to crack 30 for the first time.

The win brings the Giants' record to 21-47-2-0. Their Friday game against the Kelowna Rockets is their final home match this season.

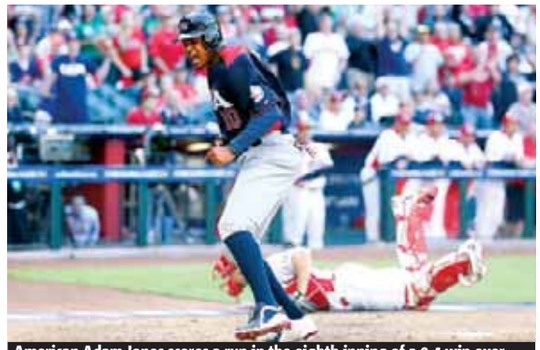
LIAM BRITTEN/FOR METRO

Canadian hopes crumble after U.S. bats come to life

WBC. Jones' eighth inning hit opens U.S. floodgates as Canada's tournament comes to an end in Phoenix

On Sunday

United States	Canada
9	4



American Adam Jones scores a run in the eighth inning of a 9-4 win over Canada at the World Baseball Classic on Sunday in Phoenix. Canada was eliminated with the loss. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Canada slipped on the edge of history, giving up a late lead and falling 9-4 to the United States on Sunday in a must-win game that eliminated the team from the World Baseball Classic.

Down 3-2 in the eighth inning, Adam Jones hit a two-run double off reliever Jim Henderson to give the U.S. its first lead of the game before Shane Victorino scored Jones on a single for a 5-3 lead.

Jonathan Lucroy added an insurance RBI and Eric Hosmer hit a three-run double off Canadian closer John Axford in the ninth that put the result beyond doubt.

Canada had pulled to within one after Adam Loewen hit a bases-loaded RBI in the bottom of the eighth inning, but pinch hitter Tim Smith grounded out to end the inning and ultimately Canada's tournament.

"We played a tough game and obviously the U.S. came out on top, but we're holding our heads high," Canadian outfielder Michael Saunders said. "We came to this tournament prepared and we felt like we played well. A few innings didn't go our way, but I think we played well and I think we showed the world that Canada is here to stay."

Canada controlled Sunday's game until Jones' hit, with Saunders hitting a two-run homer in the second inning and Loewen's single putting Canada ahead 3-2 in the sixth.

But U.S. relievers Heath Bell, David Hernandez, Steve Cishek and closer Craig Kimbrel stifled Canada's offence while American batters did the rest.

Canada (1-2), which has never advanced past the first round, began the tournament with a humiliating 14-4 loss to Italy that ended after eight innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. But the team fought back, literally, in the second game against Mexico with a 10-3 victory capped by a bench-clearing brawl. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Curling. Jacobs seals Brier win for Northern Ontario

Brad Jacobs wasn't born yet when Northern Ontario last won a Canadian men's curling championship.

He arrived a few weeks after Al (The Iceman) Hackner stole a point in an extra end to beat Alberta's Pat Ryan in 1985.

Twenty-eight years later, Jacobs and his Sault Ste. Marie team conquered a tough field at the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier and defeated Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton 11-4 in Sunday's final to win the Canadian title.

"It's been too long since Northern Ontario's held that Tankard," Jacobs said, his voice shaking. "To bring this back to Northern Ontario, to Sault Ste. Marie, it means the world to us." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	47	14	.770	—
New York	38	22	.633	8½
Indiana	39	24	.619	9
Brooklyn	37	26	.587	11
Chicago	35	28	.556	13
Boston	34	28	.548	13½
Atlanta	34	28	.548	13½
Milwaukee	32	29	.525	15
Toronto	25	39	.391	23½
Philadelphia	23	39	.371	24½
Detroit	23	41	.359	25½
Cleveland	21	42	.333	27
Washington	20	41	.328	27
Orlando	18	46	.281	30½
Charlotte	13	50	.206	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	15	.762	—
Oklahoma City	47	16	.746	1
Memphis	42	19	.689	5
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	4½
Denver	42	22	.656	6½
Golden State	35	29	.547	13½
Houston	34	30	.531	14½
L.A. Lakers	33	31	.516	15½
Utah	32	31	.508	16
Portland	29	33	.468	18½
Dallas	29	33	.468	18½
Minnesota	21	39	.350	25½
Phoenix	22	41	.349	26
New Orleans	22	42	.344	26½
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Sunday's results
Oklahoma City 91 Boston 79
L.A. Lakers 90 Chicago 81
Toronto 100 Cleveland 96
Miami 105 Indiana 91
Orlando 99 Philadelphia 91
Dallas 100 Minnesota 77
New Orleans 98 Portland 96
Milwaukee 115 Sacramento 113
Detroit at L.A. Clippers

Saturday's results
Brooklyn 93 Atlanta 80
New York 113 Utah 84
Washington 104 Charlotte 87
Memphis 96 New Orleans 85
Phoenix 107 Houston 105
Denver 111 Minnesota 88
Milwaukee 103 Golden State 93

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	26	18	8	0	97	76	36
New Jersey	26	12	9	5	65	75	29
NY Rangers	24	13	9	2	63	58	28
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25
Philadelphia	27	12	14	1	75	82	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	26	17	5	4	84	66	38
Boston	22	16	3	3	67	48	35
Toronto	26	15	10	1	79	70	31
Ottawa	25	13	8	4	59	51	30
Buffalo	26	9	14	3	67	83	21

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	24	14	9	1	75	69	29
Winnipeg	25	12	11	2	63	74	26
Washington	24	10	13	1	69	72	21
Tampa Bay	25	10	14	1	85	79	21
Florida	26	7	13	6	64	98	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
St. Louis	25	13	10	2	76	77	28
Nashville	25	10	9	6	54	61	26
Columbus	26	10	12	4	61	72	24

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	24	13	9	2	58	59	28
Vancouver	24	11	7	6	66	67	28
Colorado	24	10	10	4	62	69	24
Edmonton	25	9	11	5	60	76	23
Calgary	23	9	10	4	63	79	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	24	18	3	3	85	62	39
Los Angeles	23	13	8	2	68	59	28
San Jose	24	11	7	6	56	57	28
Phoenix	25	12	10	3	72	72	27
Dallas	24	12	10	2	67	67	26

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Sunday's results
New Jersey 3 Winnipeg 2 (SO)
Edmonton 6 Chicago 5
Columbus 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 6 NY Islanders 1
NY Rangers 4 Washington 1
Montreal 5 Florida 2
Philadelphia 3 Buffalo 2
Colorado 3 San Jose 2 (OT)
Anaheim 4 St. Louis 2
Minnesota 4 Vancouver 2

Saturday's results
Pittsburgh 5 Toronto 4 (SO)
Los Angeles 6 Calgary 2
Columbus 3 Detroit 0
Carolina 6 New Jersey 3
Minnesota 2 Nashville 1 (SO)
Phoenix 2 Dallas 1
NY Islanders 5 Washington 2
Boston 3 Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3 (OT)
Montreal 4 Tampa Bay 3

Monday's games
All times Eastern
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

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Saturday's results
Colorado 12 Buffalo 6
Washington 16 Philadelphia 10

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Sunday's results
Philadelphia 2 Colorado 1
Dallas at Chivas USA
New York at San Jose

Saturday's results
Toronto 2 Kansas City 1
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1
Colorado 0 Philadelphia 0
Montreal 2 Portland 1
D.C. 1 Salt Lake 0
New England 1 Chicago 0

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's new moon will be helpful if you have a clear idea of what it is you want. If though you are still confused or undecided it will most likely pass unnoticed. It's not too late to make up your mind.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is no guarantee that what you are about to attempt will succeed but don't let that stop you. Life is an adventure or it is nothing.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Everything happens for a reason and if you keep that thought in mind today you won't be too fazed by what occurs. On the work front someone in a position of authority could make you an interesting offer.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Try to stand outside yourself and see the bigger picture. If you look at today's events from a purely personal point of view you run the risk of missing something important. Widen your perspective, just a little.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If there are things about your life and your relationships that you do not like then get rid of them now. Not everyone will be happy with the changes you make but that's all the more reason to make them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What happens over the next few days could turn your world on its head. Just when you thought Lady Luck had forgotten about you up she pops up to bring you something nice.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't give up on your plans. What happens this week may cause you to think again about your ambitions but don't use that as an excuse to abandon them altogether. You're still moving in the right direction.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A new moon in your fellow Water sign of Pisces means you can quite easily make your dreams come true. Don't let any kind of negative thoughts take root in your mind today. Think positive. Feel positive. Act positive.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A loved one may give you a hard time but if you are smart you won't give them a hard time back. It's not you they are annoyed with but life in general. By this time tomorrow the crisis will have passed.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something you say or do over the next 24 hours could easily be taken the wrong way by someone you love. Do you really have to be so blunt? Think before you speak.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The planets suggest you have been kidding yourself about the real reasons for a failure of some kind. It would help if you saw things as they really are.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's new moon in your sign will encourage you to believe that all things are possible. It will also encourage you to actually do something creative rather than just think about it. It's time to step up and shine. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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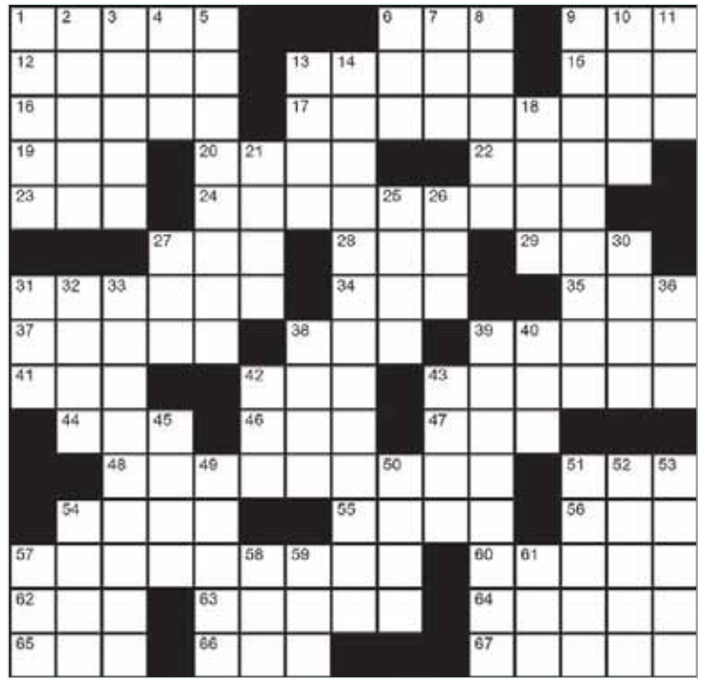
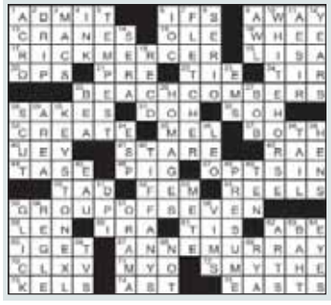


Across
1. Star Wars character, __ Vader
6. Saint-Jean-__-Richelieu, QC
9. Mom's hubby
12. Kleenex-user's sound!
13. Coming-__-__ movie
15. She gave Odysseus a veil
16. Corporate shuffle, in brief
17. Cape Breton __ National Park
19. Airport schedule acr.
20. SNL alum Kristen
22. Stock mkt. debuts for companies
23. __-eyed
24. Montreal football players
27. "Raiders of the Lost __" (1981)
28. Meas. from a circle's centre
29. Rested
31. Tries to get a dieter to eat chocolate
34. Hectic hosp. units
35. Hesitant sounds
37. Smudges
38. Internet connection letters
39. Tom Cruise flick, "__ Maguire" (1996)
41. As written
42. Type of pan
43. Beer brand, __ Canadian
44. Calder Cup sports org.
46. 'Masc' ender (Eye makeup)
47. "Fancy that." [pl.]
48. Activity for Canada Geese in Spring
51. Hat
54. Gas, for instance
55. Hostels
56. "__ Maria"
57. Shakespeare: Othello's wif
60. Fortune Teller's card
62. "Hey, no need to overshare!", briefly
63. Hair fringes
64. Broadcasting now: 2 wds.
65. Cul-de-__
66. Greek alphabet's 7th letter
67. The 'N' of TNT

Down
1. Challenged
2. Prefix meaning 'Vinegar'
3. US state, __ Island
4. Maple Leafs, on scoreboards
5. Harry Potter's school
6. Droop
7. "Gross me out."
8. Illuminated the candle again
9. They roamed the Badlands of Alberta
10. Conjunctions
11. __ and don'ts
13. __ Art Company (Etch a Sketch maker)
14. March 11-17: London, ON is hosting the 2013 ISU World __ __ Championships
18. Imitates
21. Varieties
25. British peer
26. CFL cheers-getters
27. Mo. after March
30. Via, to a poet
31. "Conan" cable network
32. Director Mr. Kazan
33. VJs network
36. Tip to 'thetic' (Man-made)
38. "__ the Explorer"
39. Governor General of Canada, David __
40. Ems preceders
42. Military conflict
43. Satellite
45. Fibbed
49. The __ (Area of Ottawa)
50. "__ __ little time..." (The quickest way)
51. 18-__ gold [var. sp.]
52. Intro-to-French verb
53. Gas station, __-Canada
54. Hurricane Katrina org.
57. Calendar times, e.g.
58. Welcome __
59. "Bird __ __ Wire" (1990)
61. Cuckoo bird type

Friday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	5		8		3		6	
	8	9				1	3	
3								9
		5	6	1	9	3		
		1	5	7	8	2		
8								4
	2	6				7	8	
	9		7		4		2	

Friday's Sudoku

1	6	3	2	5	8	9	4	7
5	4	9	6	3	7	2	8	1
7	2	8	1	9	4	5	3	6
8	9	1	4	7	6	3	5	2
4	7	5	3	2	1	8	6	9
6	3	2	5	8	9	1	7	4
9	8	4	7	1	5	6	2	3
3	1	6	8	4	2	7	9	5
2	5	7	9	6	3	4	1	8

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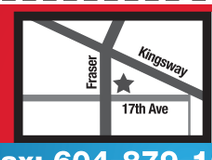

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